**Casket Games**

**The Casket Contest**

**Instructions:** Read carefully through the following scenes involving Portia’s suitors and the choosing of the caskets. Then complete the following activities:

**Prep Work:**

* Read through the lines carefully, annotating as you go.
* Look up any words you do not know; write their definitions in your annotations.
* Focus first on overall meaning, including characters’ reactions to each casket in the play.

**Then—**

1. List all of the rules of the game.
2. For your team’s given casket, create a detailed list of what it looks like, what’s inside it, and any writing associated with it.
3. Determine the supplies you need to decorate your team’s casket, based on the detailed descriptions in the text.
4. Place the inscription on the outside and the message on the inside.

The winning team gets a prize!